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Fire Safe Fourth of July at Point Reyes National Seashore

Our national parks are public landscapes that heal our spirit and give us solace. These special places, which are uniquely American, also afford us an opportunity to reflect on our history, heritage and culture.

In the aftermath of September 11th, we have worked hard to keep the welcome mat out for our visitors, working around the clock as appropriate to ensure their safety and that they have memorable experiences whenever they visit our sites.

This is the 226th anniversary of America's independence, and we anticipate good crowds given the renewed sense of patriotism that has swept the nation since September 11th.

With every July 4th celebration, the safety and the security of our visitors are our top priority.

Point Reyes National Seashore joins many other parks in the San Francisco Bay Area in enforcing a ban on all fireworks. The Seashore hosts an incredible diversity of wildlife that can be seriously impacted by the noise of fireworks. With an early wildfire season in the Western U.S., and the potential risk of wildfires locally, the park is asking all visitors to be especially "fire safe" this year and help to ensure no wildfires are started. All visitors to Point Reyes National Seashore should be extremely cautious due to the dry conditions this year. Beach fire permits are required and available at the park visitor centers.

Superintendent Don Neubacher stated, "We strive to ensure park visitors may enjoy a safe and fun Fourth of July. Drakes Beach has traditionally been popular with the local community and we welcome visitors and families to park beaches for a safe holiday." He also stated, "The park wants to be extremely cautious because of the potential for wildfires this year."

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